

HOLY TRINITY

Episcopal Church



The Tempo

JANUARY 2021

Seeking to **Love** with the heart of Christ, to **Think** with the mind of Christ and to **Act** in the world as the Body of Christ.

JANUARY CALENDAR

Note: Except as indicated below, in January, services are:

- Outdoor service of Holy Eucharist at Trinity Place on Sundays at 2:00 pm.
- Online service of morning prayer Sundays at 10:30 am via Facebook or YouTube.

Coffee Hour is online after the 10:30 am service via Zoom (Password is sent in *HT Notes* & Sunday morning email.)

ONGOING EVENTS

Each Evening: Compline at 8:30 pm on Facebook

Mondays

9:00 am Facebook online prayer

Tuesdays

11:00 am Reflectionary Bible Study via Zoom

Thursdays

7:00 pm *What are Biblical Values?* via Zoom



The **Annual Meeting** will be via Zoom on **Sunday, January 24**. Check *HT Notes* for more details.



KEEPING THE FAITH: SUZ'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." (Isaiah 52:7)

Dear Ones,

On Christmas Day, I had the occasion to ponder the character and the qualities of the Good News. I also pondered, and continue to ponder, why and how we are called to bring this Good News. As I pondered these things, I was reminded, of all things, of a series of advertisements for a telecommunications company whose tagline is "Just okay is not okay." When people are in any sort of need or trouble, when they need serious help, just okay is not okay. We are not called to bring Okay News, we are called to bring Good News. Not just any good news—THE Good News that God reigns.

Okay news is not okay when we are all living in a world wrapped in darkness. The Good News we hope to bring to the people who walk in darkness is that God loves each one of us, and all of us collectively--so much that okay news doesn't begin to express that love. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us for so much more than the survival of our souls after death. The Good News is that Jesus Christ, the only begotten son of God gave us power to become children of God. Living in the power to become children of God is so much more than mere survival! The Good News for us is that God wants us—God wants the whole world—to thrive and flourish.

For that to happen, someone has to announce peace, someone must bring good news—not just okay news, but truly good news. Someone must announce salvation, and say to the world, "God reigns." That is our part in the Good News: preparing food and providing human contact for those who are alone in this terrible year of separation and isolation, as we did on Christmas Day. It is acknowledging and striving to heal the divisions that have become so evident in our community and in our nation (pretending that they don't exist among us will not make them go away). It is finding new ways to open our doors to the community, new ways to gather for worship, new ways to *be* Good News.

In this introspective time at the beginning of a New Year, I ask you to think about and make a plan for bringing the wonderful News of God's love to someone who is hungry—not just for food, but for God's love. What is the impact of God's love in your own life? What difference does it make that this Good News comes from God and from your brothers and sisters in Christ? How can you share *that* Good News with your neighbor? How will you carry the message of hope to someone who is alone and lonely or floundering in pain and sorrow? How will you proclaim the righteousness of justice and peace in our community or in our nation?

Instead of planning for self-improvement this year, why don't we all plan for bringing Good News wherever and whenever we can? I mean to follow this horrible year with a year of proclaiming to all the ends of the earth the Good News that God loves the world. I aim to have the beautiful feet of that messenger of peace and righteousness. Don't you want to have beautiful feet, too?

Happy New Year—with much love, *Suz*+

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WELCOME 2021!



FROM THE ASSISTANT TO THE RECTOR**ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD**

Ordination is a sacramental rite of the church by which God gives authority and the grace of the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by bishops to those being made bishops, priests, and deacons (BCP, pp. 860-861).

Bishop Waldo's office recently sent Mother Suz and I the happy news that my ordination to the priesthood will take place on February 10 at Trinity Cathedral in Columbia. We are still working out the details of how many people can safely attend, but in any case, the service will be streamed online so as many of you can attend as you like! Mark your calendars, and watch this space and *HT Notes* for more information in the coming weeks.

EPIPHANY HOME BLESSINGS

A few years ago after Eucharist on the Feast of the Epiphany (January 6), I stood on a chair in front of the door of my home with my rector and other housemates gathered around, as I used chalk to write a blessing on the mantle and we said a prayer over the home for the coming year.

Epiphany is a season when we consider the ways that Christ's light shines in the world around us, both into and from our hearts. For centuries it has been customary for Christians to have their houses blessed during the season after Epiphany and to mark their homes as a place where Christ's light dwells and where evil has no place.

This year on the Feast of the Epiphany, Mother Suz will bless chalk at our Canterbury Eucharist, with plenty of extra for members of the parish pick up on the following Sunday or from the parish office. We'll include a short prayer for you and anyone you live with to bless your home in this way.

As we turn the page on 2020, I hope you'll join us in this practice of claiming your home as a place where Christ's light dwells in 2021.

Noah



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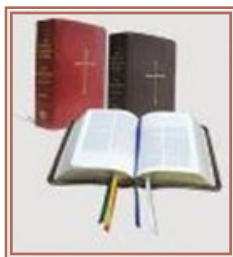
Love with the Heart of Christ



2020 has been a year of refraining from many things that are dear to us, and it is painful. 2020 has also given us the opportunity to fulfill our mission statement on behalf of one another and of our community in new and innovative ways. Holy Trinity has been a shining light on our hill! I am so proud of you and your capacity for bearing one another through this difficult time. I can't wait until next year when we are all together again. I love you all.

Suzanne

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY RESUMES JANUARY 5TH



If you would like to take part in the online Bible study which takes place on Tuesdays at 11:00am, use the link below. We take a deep dive into the readings appointed for the following Sunday, finding ways to connect them to our lives each week.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83789678685?pwd=QWcwMUQwUXZsUSt3cTNWOU15V1FjZz09>

Meeting ID: 837 8967 8685

Passcode: 927305



TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Beginning Christmas Day, we will be posting a video each day of a favorite Christmas carol, with a brief reflection and prayer. This is a Christmas gift to the parish from our Holy Trinity Choir and clergy. These videos will be posted each morning on our Facebook page. We will also send out an email each morning with the link to the video on YouTube.



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WORSHIP CHANGES

We will continue to worship outdoors in our sacred space, Trinity Place, for the foreseeable future. We moved the time of that service to 2:00 pm on October 25 and will keep that time until further notice. We will meet as often as the weather allows (the Worship Support Team declared that it will be too cold “when it snows”). Come when you feel safe doing so.

If you don't feel safe coming to in-person worship, please join us online at 10:30 each Sunday. We are changing up our online service from Morning Prayer to Ante-Communion, which is the churchy way of saying that we will follow the Liturgy of the Word from our Holy Eucharist liturgy. There are a couple of reasons for this change: this liturgy allows Noah the opportunity to fulfill his liturgical ministry as a deacon, and it allows us to plan for more fulsome expressions of our liturgical seasons.

EUCCHARISTIC VISITS

Knowing that there will be quite a few parishioners who do not feel comfortable or safe coming to church yet, Deacon Noah and Mtr. Suz will be available to bring Holy Communion to your homes. We will share the Body and the Blood from Holy Trinity's outdoor altar, observing careful distancing and masking. The preference is to conduct these Eucharistic Visits outdoors, as much as possible.

Please call Sheryl at the church office to request a visit. She will inform the clergy, and one of us will be in touch to schedule an appointment.



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

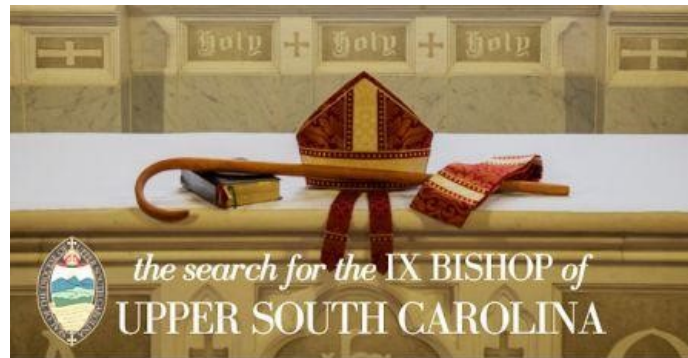


In-person Sunday school will take place on the **3rd Sunday of every month**, during the 2 pm in-person church service outside, using social distancing, masks and hygienic practices. The lessons will be about 30 minutes. Our meetings will be located at Trinity Place. We are committed to being flexible, safe and communicative under the constraints of the ongoing pandemic. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Mary Beth Johnstone (864-506-5570; mbjohnstone69@gmail.com).

Please arrive a few minutes ahead of 2 pm, so that we can gather into our respective groups. Each leader will have a sign indicating where each group will meet. The groups are: pre-K (3 and 4 years), Godly Play (K—2nd grade), Faith Travelers (3rd—5th grades), Middle School (6th—8th grades) and High school (9th—12th grade).



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BISHOP SEARCH PROFILE AND DIOCECAN SURVEY RESULTS NOW AVAILABLE

The Nominating Committee for the Ninth Bishop of Upper South Carolina invites you to learn more about who we are and the bishop we seek through the pages of our Diocesan Profile. Explore our diocese in detail. Within the profile you will find underlined blue text that is hyperlinked to information about us and our ministries.

In assembling the profile, we sought input from laity and clergy throughout the diocese through an online survey. The thoughts of those who responded are entwined around the portrait presented and quoted throughout the profile. You will see that while we are diverse in our views, in the sizes of our congregations, and in our worship styles, we are of one mind in our wish to be a diocese woven together in unity and love.

The fabric of our diocese is strong and resilient, despite being stretched and tested by this unique time in history. An apt metaphor of our diocese is a quilt of diverse ministries knit together by the desire to carry on effectively the work begun by prior generations.

An excellent and comprehensive 29-page search profile is available at

https://www.edusc.org/uploads/images/edusc-bishopsearchprofile2021final-gbw_591.pdf

The detailed survey results are available at

https://www.edusc.org/uploads/images/edusc-survey-data-presentation-for-website-12-12-2020_899.pdf

Yours in Christ,

Ms. Melissa Langford, *Co-Chair*

The Rev. Scotty Brock

Mr. John Cantey

Ms. Shawn Dunham

The Rev. Charles Jenkins

The Rev. Mia McDowell

Mr. Larry Moore

The Rev. Grant B Wiseman, *Co-Chair*

Ms. Susan Pretulak

The Rev. Patricia Sexton

Mr. West Summers

Ms. Corliss Wise

The Rev. Raphiell Ashford, Alternate

Ms. Lillian Hardaway, Alternate

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

Holy Trinity is working hard to stay connected and provide support through the trials of pandemic restrictions. The Vestry and Neighborhood Group Leaders continue to reach out to parishioners in their areas regularly. Please contact your Neighborhood Group Leaders or the church office if you have any need, and we will do our best to help you out. The office staff are not necessarily in the office at all times, but we are all checking email and phone messages regularly. The office number is 864-654-5071. To reach Lynne Farmer, Parish Administrator select ext. 3, for Sheryl Shankles, Parish Secretary, select ext. 0. You can reach Mtr. Suz at 864-364-1952 to call or text. Deacon Noah Stansbury's cell number is 864-723-0391.



Think with the Mind of Christ

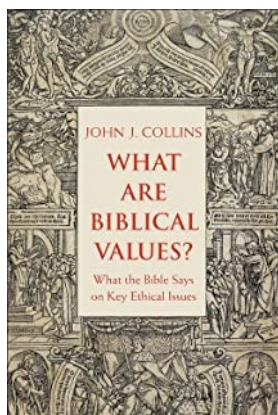
ATTENTION MINISTRY LEADERS!

Please prepare ministry reports to be included in the year-end Annual Report that will be published just prior to our Parish Annual Meeting in late January. This year presents the opportunity to report on how your ministry area has responded to the challenges of the pandemic. There should be some very interesting stories to tell. Please submit your reports in a Word document format by Monday, January 11 to Sheryl Shankles at htchurch@holytrinityclemson.org

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Now more than ever, it is an act of Christian love to wear a face covering when you are away from your home. Please love your neighbor by wearing a mask, including whenever you come to our church buildings! We have masks available in the church office and at our outside worship services, just in case you get out the door without one. Please take care of yourselves and those you love by staying home if you feel unwell or have been exposed to Covid 19. Quarantine for 14 days or obtain a negative test result before resuming contact.

ADULT FORMATION IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY



Adult Formation continues online in 2021, beginning with a fabulous book study led by members of Holy Trinity's Education for Ministry (EfM) group: Chesley Rowe, Bob Green, Anna McKenna, Kathy Nixon, Jim Beddow, and Mtr. Suz.

We will be reading and discussing *What Are Biblical Values?: What the Bible Says on Key Ethical Issues*, by John Collins. This thought-provoking book was written by a very well-regarded biblical scholar and is one of the texts that was read by 2nd-year EfM participants. It was so intriguing to the 2nd-years that they wanted to read it again and take more time with it! You are invited to join us for this book study on Thursday nights, beginning 1/7/2021. The book is available from Amazon or can be ordered by your favorite book store. Zoom links and password available in *HT Notes* each week.



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CANTERBURY UPDATE

I note with a mix of gratitude and mild disbelief that I have been at Holy Trinity for six months already, and a whole semester has come and gone at the university. Over the course of the semester we had 13 students cross our threshold at one point or another for dinner and prayer on Wednesdays, and we collaborated in November with the Lutheran Campus Ministry for a joint pre-Thanksgiving meal and a small service project to benefit Thornwell Home. Many thanks to Pastor Josh Kestner at University Lutheran Church!

As Peer Minister Christine Scott and I are looking toward the spring semester we are planning to add another weekly gathering for students who can't make it on Wednesdays, and I am beginning to think about how we might reach out beyond students who already know the Episcopal Church. Moving the Sunday service at Trinity Place to the afternoon has already been helpful, as we noticed an increase in student attendance in the later weeks of the semester. This coming semester promises to be another unusual one as the pandemic continues, but with the benefit of having gotten through one unusual semester already, this one seems slightly less daunting.

Noah

CANTERBURY MEALS

Please sign up to provide Spring semester Canterbury dinners using the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4BA8AE2EA0F94-canterbury7>

TAX FREE MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION TRANSFER



As we begin the new year and you contemplate your charitable giving, keep in mind that if you are taking distributions from an IRA or 401K plan, you can donate part (or all) of your distribution to a qualified charitable organization, such as Holy Trinity, on a tax-free basis. Importantly, you do not need to itemize your taxes to take advantage of this benefit. If you are taking distributions but haven't made a Qualified Charitable Distribution before, consult with your tax advisor or financial institution to find out how to do so. Many institutions allow you to do this easily online.

Bob Taylor, Church Treasurer

John Warner, Vestry Member



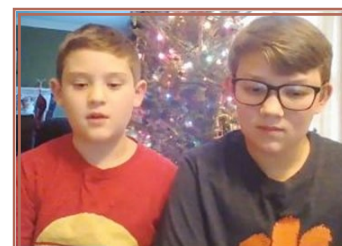
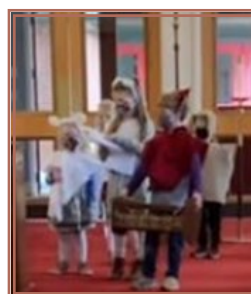
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A CELEBRATION OF THE SEASON OF ADVENT!

The children and youth proudly present our annual Advent Event 2020! This year's presentation is virtual; you can link directly to the video through this password protected link:

<https://www.holytrinityclemson.org/advent-pageant-2020/>

The password is **Trinity** (with an upper-case T). You can also find a link to the video on the HTV webpage accessible on Holy Trinity Episcopal church webpage. We hope you enjoy the show! It is a masterpiece. Thank you, thank you to our Sunday School teachers and kids for putting this together (David Johnstone deserves special thanks for his technical assistance).





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The Daughters of the King are still taking prayer requests. All prayer requests will be kept confidential. All prayer concerns will be lifted up daily for 2 or more weeks. There is an online prayer request on the Holy Trinity website, which you can find under the "Parish" tab in the "Forms" section.

You can also go directly to the form by typing

<http://holytrinityclermson.org/daughters-of-the-king-prayer-request/>

into the URL bar on your web browser. The Daughters of the King are committed to the service of praying for all our concerns, a true blessing in this difficult and troubling time!

REMEMBER...



Check your email Sunday mornings after 7:00 am to see the day's events and if there are any last-minute changes for that day's services.

WORSHIP INFORMATION



All the information you need for joining our worship services, as well as bulletins and videos of recent Morning Prayer and Compline services, can be found on the HTV page on our Holy Trinity website: www.holytrinityclermson.org

PARISH PRAYER LIST (PUBLIC)

The current list is in *HT Notes* and in the online Sunday *Bulletin*. You can ask to have prayers of thanksgiving included.

Email Serena DuBose at

daffydubose@gmail.com

to add a name to the list.

Consider if you need to speak to someone before adding a name to the list.

WHO TO CALL?



The Holy Trinity office number is 864-654-5071. To reach Lynne Farmer, Parish Administrator, select ext. 3. For Sheryl Shankles, Parish Secretary, select ext. 0. You can reach Mtr. Suz (to call or text) at 864-364-1952. Noah Stansbury's cell number is 864-723-0391.

ONLINE COFFEE HOUR



Bring your favorite mug of coffee and join us on Sundays following Morning Prayer for an online coffee hour through Zoom.

(The Zoom link and password is in *HT Notes* each week)

FORWARD DAY BY DAY Daily Devotions for Disciples

You can pick up your November/December/January *Forward Day by Day* devotional in the church office or the chapel (just don't go past the rope or you will set off the alarm!) These booklets are also available as you enter our in-person worship services at Trinity Place.



CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Act in the World as the Body of Christ

CLEMSON COMMUNITY CARE

Clemson Community Care has a need for the following food items: juice, paper towels, toilette paper, and a desperate need for all assorted toiletries (shampoo, lotion, soap, tooth paste, etc.) and any other items you wish.

Donations may be dropped off to the purple bin on the Purkerson's front porch (at 111 Dogwood Terrace Lane, Clemson) or taken directly to CCC (105 Anderson Hwy, Clemson) around back of the building before 11:00am any morning Monday through Thursday.

If you would prefer to make a monetary donation to enable CCC to buy food or help the community in other ways you can send a check to CCC, PO Box 271, Clemson SC 29633 or make an online donation via PayPal or credit card at clemsoncommunitycare.org. Donations are tax deductible and are greatly appreciated! Thank you for your support.



THERE IS A NEED FOR GIFT CARDS

The Coronavirus has impacted all of us and has implications for the families supported at Family Promise. At the moment JoAnn Brink, Case Manager for Family Promise, is working with a few families. JoAnn said there is a need for Gift cards to local grocery stores, gift cards for gas, and gift cards to local restaurants are needed. FYI the Easley Walmart does not have a gas station connected to the store. Gift cards can be mailed directly to Family Promise of Pickens County, c/o JoAnn Brink, 104 Stewart Drive, Easley, SC 29640. We will keep everyone informed.

We hope to count on your support for Family Promise of Pickens County. Our churches are not open for hosting families. We are also reaching out to you as there is a need for a fund for keep keeping vehicles that belong to families in our program on the road. Families must have a vehicle to be in our program. A car is needed to transport children to day care and afterschool care. Checks can be made payable to Family Promise of Pickens County in the memo line Car Fund. If you have any questions please contact me Liz Halpin (864) 903-6340 or ehalpin59@gmail.com. Families are our neighbors. A check made out to Family Promise of Pickens County is always acceptable and welcome. Family Promise of Pickens is a United Way Agency and a 501©3. Thank you and stay safe.

OUR DAILY REST



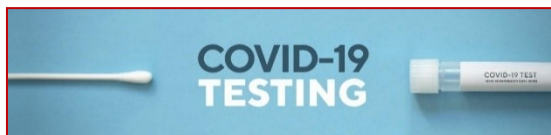
Our Daily Rest homeless shelter in Seneca sends their thank yous to Holy Trinity for all your generous donations. At this time during Covid, especially needed are your prayers, and donations of Men's pants sizes 32 and 34, twin sheets, flat and fitted, fresh clothes for the folks at Our Daily Bread who come to the portable shower van, and cash donations are always good too. Many thanks again from Our Daily Rest. There is a basket in the chapel marked "Our Daily Rest" where you can leave your donations.

Phone: 864-482-2040
Address: PO Box 1246
525 East Main St.
Seneca, SC 29679

www.ourdailyrest.org/give



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We are so incredibly fortunate to have an opportunity for COVID-19 testing through Clemson University. Please share these details with others in the Clemson Community.

[Clemson Community Registration Link](#)

(This link will also be on the City of Clemson's website if you need to tell others where to find it: cityofclemson.org)

Location: Clemson Fire Substation 740 Isaqueena Trail Central SC 29630

Hours: 7 - 11 am, Monday through Friday

Test type: Saliva PCR (not rapid antigen)

Cost: FREE!

For whom: This test site is for members of the Clemson Community. Important-if you are a university employee or a Clemson student it is very important that you use the test site at Memorial Stadium and not the Community Site

Instructions:

- 1) You must register prior to arrival to receive a QR code. Have this ready on your phone for scanning or print this on paper to present at test site. Your QR code can be used as many times in the future as needed without re-registering.
- 2) Nothing to eat or drink 30 min prior to test.
- 3) Results will come usually within 24-30 hours occasionally sooner via text and email.

Accurate, timely testing is a powerful tool to help a community turn the tide of COVID-19 locally. The Clemson Community COVID Testing project aims to make this convenient for you and is free. This is an unbelievable opportunity.

Consider testing for these reasons:

- 1) Test to diagnose illness if you have symptoms of any viral illness - COVID can present in many ways
- 2) Test due to a possible close contact exposure to COVID-19. CDC supports being released from the 2 week quarantine early on day 7 from exposure if you have a negative test on day 5,6, or later from known exposure. This allows you to return to work and life sooner in most cases. Pickens County School district is strongly encourage to update it's quarantine for exposure policies.
- 3) TEST BEAUSE YOU CAN! -this is the most powerful opportunity.

This illness continues to spread in large part because of individuals being very contagious with an asymptomatic illness or spreading it to others while in the "pre-symptomatic" phase before symptoms begin.

Just an FYI.....

FREE DHEC COVID TESTING ON SWU'S CAMPUS

Southern Wesleyan Health Services continues to partner with SC DHEC to offer free COVID-19 testing on SWU's campus during the holiday season with some schedule adjustments. The free, drive through testing is located at the Softball Complex, Varsity Field. It will continue to be offered weekly, Monday - Friday, 9:00 am—3:00 p.m.

Anyone interested in being tested will need to pre-register at

<https://honu.dxresults.com/PatientSignup.aspx?LabId=733>

. If you have questions please contact Nurse Herron at extension 5134 or email: lherron@swu.edu.



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SPECIAL ORDER SINGING ROOSTER COFFEE & CHOCOLATE BARS

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR FAMILY, OFFICE, AND FRIENDS



FRENCH or VIENNA, CAF OR DECAF, ground or whole bean!!

Cange Kupps for Keurig also available in Vienna & Decaf!

Superb gourmet chocolate bars also available in festive Peppermint and Cranberry!

Contact Harry Morse by text or phone (864-314-9996), or email (hgmorse@gmail.com) to place an order and arrange for contact free pickup!

Prices are \$10 PER BAG Coffee; \$4 PER BAR Gourmet Chocolate

(Please make checks payable to: Holy Trinity Outreach)

Order please by Sunday December 3 to ensure delivery by Sunday December 10.

Thanks for your support of our work in Haiti!!

NB—An increasing body of scientific data suggest that coffee and organic chocolate consumption is linked to increased quantity and improved quality of life. Though data for chocolate consumption is less robust, some would hold this truth to be self evident!!

HELP IS NEEDED IN THE THRIFT SHOP



The Thrift Shop has two openings: the 1st Monday of the month and the 5th Monday of the month from 10 am to 12:30 pm. (There are only 4 of these 5th Mondays per year.) You will work with other great people and have a chance to know our regular customers. Join us in a very relaxed environment! If interested, please call Diana Manly at 722-5112 or 903-1658.



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IN THE SO ALL MAY EAT (SAME) GARDEN

The SAME garden is flourishing in its new environment. You can see the garden from the lawn area where the 2 pm Sunday services are held.

Our SAME garden continues to thrive and we have shared over 5 pounds of greens with CCC in the last month. Right now, the turnip and mustard greens are perfect for harvesting and will continue to be available through early February.



We have 2 varieties of turnip greens—purple top white globe turnips and seven top turnips. The purple top turnips are in two of the long beds; you can see the purple tops of the turnips sticking out of the ground. This variety dates back to 1880 and is a very commonly grown turnip. The seven top turnip is in one of the taller beds. This variety dates back over 200 years and is unique in the turnip world because it does not produce an edible root.



The variety of mustard greens we are growing in one of the taller beds is southern giant curled. This is also an heirloom variety and is one of the most commonly grown varieties. To harvest, cut leaves from around the outside of the plant. The leaves in the center will continue to grow and produce more to harvest. To pull turnips, hold the turnip itself and pull straight up. It is best to remove the leaves soon after pulling, otherwise they continue to draw moisture from the root. I store greens in the refrigerator in a partially open plastic bag with a bit of wet paper towel so they don't wilt. The greens should last a week or more and the turnips for a few weeks. Beets and cabbages will be next to harvest.

--Beth Kunkel

Our SAME garden is a Good News Garden in connection with the Episcopal Church Creation Care and Evangelism Departments. Go to the website <https://episcopalchurch.org/good-news-gardens> for more information:



ADMINISTRATIVE

CHURCH OFFICE OPERATIONS

Dear Ones,

It has been a while since I've written a mid-week letter to you all. It is on behalf of the office staff that I am writing to you now. The stark fact is that the spread of the virus in the Upstate has increased rapidly through November and into December, with no sign of slowing down. At the same time, the number of visitors to the church office has increased significantly over the course of the fall. Two of our staff members are caregivers for medically fragile family members. I am asking you all to refrain from coming to the church office to conduct business unless it is absolutely necessary until the transmission rates improve significantly. Most business can be conducted by phone or by email. If you need to drop off or pick up items from church, please call ahead to make arrangements for a no-contact or low-contact exchange.

Once the community "opened up" to some degree, and the virus still seemed far off, the sense of urgency eased up a bit. Then the life of the parish picked back up to some degree. Your church staff returned to the church office, although we've maintained strict adherence to masking and distancing requirements. Most of our interactions with each other occur by phone or by Zoom, even though we are just down the hall from one another. We recently cancelled our plans for a distanced Christmas lunch because of our concerns for each other.

We love you all, and we miss you very much. Not a day goes by that we don't mourn the loss of our face-to-face contact with you. All of us in the church office, as well as the Wardens, Vestry, and ministry leaders, continue to monitor the situation and make adjustments, as necessary. Our primary concern is to keep each of us safe, to the best of our ability. Our secondary concern is to maintain our connection with each of you. We will continue to seek creative and life-giving ways to do both.

It is of utmost importance that we protect one another for a while longer. Hope is on the horizon, and we will get through this awful pandemic. I believe that it will be several more months before we can claim a return to some sense of normalcy. Please, *please* follow the recommendations of health-care professionals and scientists for a while longer: stay home as much as possible, maintain at least 6 feet of distance between yourself and others who are not part of your household, wear a mask, and wash your hands often. Take care, and stay well.

Much love, Suz+

RESULTS OF ELECTION FOR HOLY TRINITY PARISH SERVICE

Senior Warden

Bill McDaniel

Junior Warden

Clem Watson

Vestry

Jan Cribb

Harry Morse

Doris von Kaenel

Marge Edie

Day School Board

Sheliah Durham

Shannon Quattlebaum

Delegate to Diocesan Convention

Kirby Colson

Alternate Delegate to Diocesan Convention

Nanine Hartzenbusch Fox

Tom Witmer



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Carney, Beth	1/3
Rowe, Rachel and Chesley	1/3
Colson, Kirby	1/27

This page of *Tempo* lists the wedding anniversaries and birthdays of parishioners. If you would like to have your anniversary or birthday included, please email

htchurch@holyltrinityclmson.org

FLOWER LIST



If you would like to provide altar flowers in honor/ memory of a loved one during 2021, you may do so by sending Sheryl an email with the date, the name of the person to be remembered/honored and any specific directions you may want (example: type or color of flowers). I will get it in the book and you will be billed directly by Tiger Lilly Florist. Please use the email : htchurch@holyltrinityclmson.org

Each week, these flowers are divided up and delivered to a parishioner. If you know of someone who needs some sunshine in their life, please let Mtr. Suz know.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Louise Rozendale	01/01
Marjorie Campbell	01/03
Sally Mathiasen	01/06
Mary Bridges	01/07
Mary Ann Taylor	01/07
Pat Bryan	01/11
Teague De los Santos	01/11
Kathryn Cauley	01/17
Roger Brown, Jr.	01/17
Lura Forcum	01/18
The Rev. Suz Cate	01/20
Barbara Weaver	01/21
Joe Merck	01/21
Lynn Smith	01/21
George Meeks	01/22
Deborah Dunlap	01/22
Danny Edie	01/24
Joe Yanes	01/27
Cary Johnstone	01/28
Charles Shuler	01/29
Anita Arms	01/31



January Birth Flower
Carnation



January Birthstone
Garnet

Operating Fund

Financial Update as of December 31, 2020

	Monthly Budget	Monthly Actual	Budget YTD	Actual YTD
Income	\$47,864.00	\$39,352.15	\$574,349.00	\$548,111.65
Expenses	\$53,302.00	\$60,471.43	\$574,349.00	\$506,836.01
Income +/-Expense	(\$5,438.00)	(\$21,119.28)	\$ 0.00	\$41,275.64

First Citizens Bank Note Payables as of December 31, 2020
\$1,598,556.43